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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, BPRO, MU

SUBJ: PORT ADVISERS FOR OMAN

REF: KUWAIT 4032

1. ACCORDING MIN COMMUNICATIONS RAJAB THE DECISION FOR
SELECTING PORT ADVISER HAS BEEN PLACED,
BY DECREE OF
SULTAN, IN HANDS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY RAJAB,
WITH REPS FROM FINANCE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT
MINISTRIES AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THIS COMMITTEE WILL
RECOMMEND SELECTION TO SULTAN FOR FINAL APPORVAL. RAJAB
SAYS HE WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION
BEFORE IT IS RECEIVED BY SULTAN,
AND INDICATES HE INTENDS
PRESS ARGUMENT FOR AMERICAN PORT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH OTHER GULF PORT OPERATIONS,
ESPECIALLY DUBAI.

2. TELEGRAM FROM NEW ORLEANS PORT DIRECTOR REED IMPLIES
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CONFLICT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OMAN AND UNCTAD OVER WHO

HAS RIGHT OF FINAL SELECTION. UNCTAD MAY WELL FEEL
IT HAS THIS RIGHT AS SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT, BUT OMANIS DISAGREE. CONFLICT MAY BE MORE
APPARENT THAN REAL SINCE OMANIS WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO
REJECT WELL-DEFENDED UNCTAD SELECTION. HOWEVER OMANIS
MAY RESIST UNCTAD CALL FOR SELECTION MEETING DEC. 17-21
IN GENEVA.

3. INFORM REED MIN COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE RESPONDING
TO TELEGRAM MENTIONED ABOVE.
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